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### **York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Designs New Badges**

Beginning Friday, September 15, 2006, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will begin wearing new badges commemorating the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown. This will coincide with the upcoming October 19<sup>th</sup> celebration of General Cornwallis' surrender to General George Washington. The celebration is the kickoff event leading up to the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

In late summer of 2005 Sheriff Diggs suggested designing an anniversary badge to commemorate the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle at Yorktown. After looking at several designs, one basic badge design was selected. After several months of revisions and discussions the final badge design was chosen.

The badge design incorporated the old style Sheriff's / Marshal's badges. The eagle at the top of the badge is a symbol for strength and freedom with feathers surrounding the badge. The center design on the badge is a picture of the Victory Monument in Yorktown commemorating the victory over the British in the battle of Yorktown in 1781. On either side of the monument are two flags, the Colonial flag and the current United States flag. They also have significance in the design. The one on the left representing the past and on the right representing the future. The star is outlined in blue symbolizing our nation's unity in the battle for freedom. The bottom of the badge identifies the rank for deputies in our office.

Sheriff Diggs states "We are very excited to remember and honor our County's history by displaying these badges".

On August 23, 2006 the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office received the first shipment of these badges. The Sheriff authorized the badges to be worn commencing on September 15, 2006 to show our recognition of Yorktown's significant contribution to our nations history and struggle for independence.

Attached is a copy of the design.



*Shown with color  
enamel and polished  
gold highlights.*



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*- Proprietary Data -*

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*optional  
silver shield*

*Actual size  
2-7/8" tall*